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Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
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Re: Petition of AT&T Inc. for Forbearance Under 47 U.S.C. § 160(c) from Enforcement of Certain of the Commission's ARMIS Reporting Requirements, WC 07-139.

Petition of the Embarq Local Operating Companies for Forbearance Under 47 U.S.C. § 160(c) From Enforcement of Certain of ARMIS Reporting Requirements; Petition of Frontier and Citizens ILECs For Forbearance Under 47 U.S.C. § 160(c) From Enforcement of Certain of the Commission's ARMIS Reporting Requirements, WC Docket No. 07-204.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Like other price cap incumbent local carriers, Embarq recognizes that data from only a few carriers does not paint an accurate or useful picture of the communications industry. Nevertheless, if the Commission grants the forbearance relief requested by AT&T, Embarq, and Frontier and Citizens, and also requested by other price cap carriers, Embarq would commit to continue collecting service quality data (report 43-05) and operating data (report 43-08), on a voluntary basis for twenty four months from the date an Order in the above-referenced proceeding is approved.

This commitment would preserve the *status quo* with respect to these data for a sufficient period of time to enable the Commission to review the types of data that is today collected *via* the ARMIS reporting requirements and to address any prospective data gathering needs through other proceedings.

Embarq also would commit, in the event the Commission grants the requested forbearance relief, to continue to publicly report through the FCC's ARMIS reporting process its service quality data (report 43-05) on a voluntary basis for twenty four months from the date an Order in the above-referenced proceeding is approved.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules, this letter is being filed electronically with the Commission. If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 457-2044.

Sincerely,

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